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SAN FRANCISCO, California, November 19, 2004 — In response to the critical nursing shortage in San Francisco, the Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation has awarded City College of San Francisco, California Pacific Medical Center and St. Luke's Hospital, a major grant of over \$4.2 million dollars in support of its Betty Irene Moore Nursing Initiative.

“For many years there has been a tremendous shortage of trained nursing professionals. Correspondingly this need takes place during challenging economic times for our state, its public institutions, of which City College of San Francisco is one, as is our city,” says Dr. Philip R. Day, Jr., Chancellor. “The Moore Foundation support is both timely and much needed. It will go a long way to position City College and our partners, California Pacific Medical Center and St. Luke's Hospital, to address this crucial need,” added Dr. Day.

“This grant comes at such an opportune time when student demand is so high and the need for trained nurses is so tremendous,” said Linda Squires-Grohe, Dean, CCSF's School of Nursing and Physical Education.

The unique public-private collaboration established by the grant will produce an afternoon-evening associate nursing degree (AND) program marked by flexible delivery and an emphasis on problem- and competency-based learning that promotes critical thinking and leadership capacity in its nursing graduates.

Through the joint efforts of City College of San Francisco, California Pacific Medical Center and St. Luke's Hospital, graduates of the AND afternoon-evening program will be better prepared to meet the requirements of employment in the hospital setting. California Pacific Medical Center's success with new graduate retention and low Registered Nurse turnover rate make it the ideal environment to test this new approach.

It is estimated that this partnership will increase City College of San Francisco's capacity by over 40 percent by Spring 2009 to meet the local demand for nurses, graduating a total of more than 80 nurses over four years. This is in addition to the average of 62 new graduates annually produced by the College's daytime program.

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City College of San Francisco offers an Associate in Science curriculum in Nursing which is accredited by the California Board of Registered Nursing. Students who complete the course of study in accordance with City College requirements are eligible to take the national Council Licensure Examination of Registered Nurses, and once they pass are qualified for entry-level positions of R.N. in health facilities and agencies.

California Pacific Medical Center and St. Luke's Hospital have committed an additional \$126,563 in work study funding for this program, with California Pacific Medical Center being the fiscal agent for this grant.

The new afternoon-evening AND program will start recruiting students in Spring 2005 for classes which will begin in Fall Semester 2005. Prospective students interested in more information about the program can contact Linda Squires-Grohe, Dean of the School of Health and Physical Education at City College of San Francisco at (415) 561-1908.

The Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation launched the Betty Irene Moore Nursing initiative in November 2003, with the goal of improving nursing-related patient outcomes in acute care hospitals.